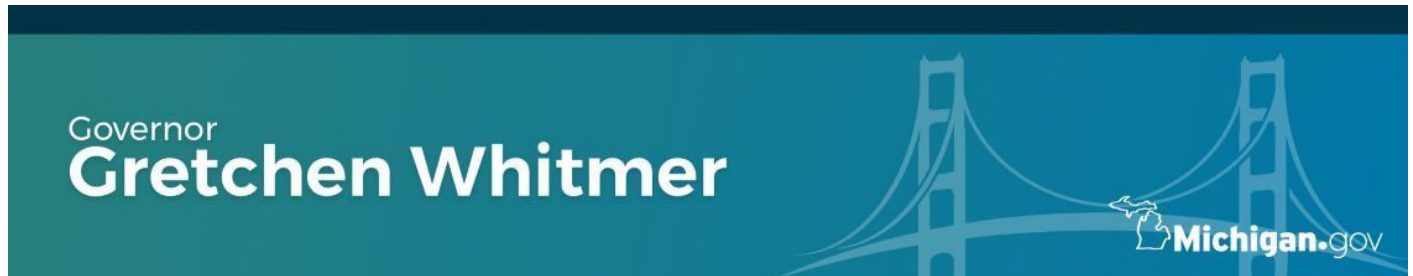


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**Gov. Whitmer Lowers Flags for U.S. Capitol Police Officer**

**LANSING, Mich.** – Governor Gretchen Whitmer, in accordance with a proclamation issued by President Biden, has ordered U.S. and Michigan flags within the State Capitol Complex and upon all public buildings and grounds across the state of Michigan to be lowered to half-staff immediately on Friday, April 2 through Tuesday, April 6 to honor and remember the victims of the attack at the U.S. Capitol today, including U.S. Capitol Police Officer William “Billy” Evans who passed away in the line of duty.

“Our state is devastated to learn of yet another senseless attack in our nation’s capital that has taken the life of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Evans and injured another officer,” **Whitmer** said. “As we mourn the loss of Officer Evans, we are reminded once again of the incredible service and sacrifices of those who stand ready to protect our nation each and every day. My heart is with the family of Officer Evans and the U.S. Capitol Police during this tremendously difficult time, and we are all praying for a speedy recovery for the second officer.”

On Friday, a motorist rammed their vehicle into a security checkpoint on the U.S. Capitol grounds, killing U.S. Capitol Police Officer William Evans and injuring another officer.

The State of Michigan remembers U.S. Capitol Police Officer William Evans and honors the victims of the attack at the U.S. Capitol by lowering flags to half-staff. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments and other organizations also are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff.

To lower flags to half-staff, flags should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The process is reversed before the flag is lowered for the day.

Flags should be returned to full-staff on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

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